



2025 LMSS Team Race

Organized by Minnesota School Sailing
Hosted at Lake Minnetonka Sailing School
19802 Minnetonka Blvd
Excelsior, MN 55331
May 10-11, 2025

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Official notices including changes to SIs will be posted on the official notice board online at the 2025 LMSS Team Race Tech Score Website (scores.hssailing.org).
- 1.2 Changes to SI 6 may be made on the water and will take effect immediately.

2 BOATS/ DAMAGE/ BOSUN

- 2.1 Club 420s provided by the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School shall be sailed as provided. No modifications are permitted to running or standing rigging except for the following:
 - 3.1.1 The “max on” of the vang cascade may be shortened by taking up line by tying a new bowline on the primary cascade. Should a team want to tighten the vang “max on” they shall ask permission from the OA or Bosun prior to starting any race. Vang max on or max off will not be grounds for redress.
- 2.2 If boat damage cannot be attributed to a team or teams, the repair costs will be divided evenly between all teams competing.
- 2.3 BOSUN - The Bosun is part of the Technical Committee, they shall be on the racecourse taking notes on all boat contact, mark contact and report all information to the OA.
- 2.4 Boats involved in contact must report contact to the Bosun. The Bosun shall be hailed on VHF 73.
- 2.5 The boats have been equalized in performance potential to the extent possible and organized into fleets.

2.6 An alternate boat may be substituted in case of breakdown. The same set of sails shall be used unless there is damage to the original sails.

2.7 Claims regarding the performance of the boats will not be grounds for a redress request.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP

3.1. Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship both on land and afloat.

3.2 Trash shall be properly disposed of on shore and afloat. Extra garbage bags are available in the Minnetonka Yacht Club clubhouse.

3.3 Abnormal cleaning needed after the regatta, by LMSS staff will be assessed and billed to the same degree as SI 2.2.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee start boat.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACING

5.1 A meeting of all competitors will be held each morning in the Minnetonka Yacht Club clubhouse on Lighthouse Island. A debrief may be offered after racing by the coaches or umpires on Saturday or Sunday.

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

0800: Shuttles to Lighthouse Island begin from Park Avenue

0815: Check-in opens

0855 Coaches meeting

0905: Competitor's meeting

0930: Check in closes

0945: First warning

1500: No warning after this time

Sunday, May 11th, 2025

0800: Shuttles to Lighthouse Island begin from Park Avenue

0900: Competitor's meeting

0945: First warning

1300: No warning after this time

6 REGATTA FORMAT

- 6.1 The intended initial format for the event is:
 - 7.1.1 Three full round-robins amongst all teams. This may be altered to two or one round-robins at any time given time and weather constraints.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 This event will be sailed in the vicinity of Lighthouse Island on Lake Minnetonka. The distance from shore will be determined by the wind direction.

8 COURSE

- 8.1 The course used for the event will be a Digital N.
- 8.2 Descriptions of course marks will be verbally communicated at the competitors meeting. The OA may change the shape & color of any mark of the course. In the event of course mark descriptions changing on the water, the changes will be described over VHF 73.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the yellow port-end starting mark.
- 9.2 A boat that does not start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing and scored according to RRS Appendix D.

10 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 The Race Committee may change the next leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark or the finishing line, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates.
- 10.2 Subsequent legs may be changed to maintain the course configuration. There will be no visual or audible signals for a course change. No leg of the course will be deleted.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the yellow port-end finishing mark.

12 HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 Hearings will be held using the three minute justice system between rotations on Lighthouse Island.

13 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 13.1 All competitors are required to bring their own dry suit for this event.
- 13.2 Due to water temperature, competitors may be required to wear a dry suit. This requirement will be updated for each day of racing and communicated at the competitors' meetings.
- 13.3 Competitors failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA, the team will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

14 COACHING & SUPPORT PERSONS

- 14.1 All coaches shall assist when and where necessary for safety or at the request of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Coaches should be prompt rotating teams on Lighthouse Island.

15 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
- 15.2 The OA and the Host will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For sailor or parent questions regarding this regatta, please ask your team leader or coach before emailing the host venue.

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****Will not be in attendance at event but will be available to contact via phone/text/email****

COURSE DIAGRAM

“Digital N”

Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be orange balls
Start and finish line port end will be yellow balls

After finishing, competitors should sail to the rotation area on the docks of Lighthouse Island.
Please do not sail into the racecourse if you have completed your race!

